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### **Treasury Department Employee Sentenced for Stealing Government Funds**

WASHINGTON - District resident Derrick Hampton, 30, an employee of the U.S. Department of Treasury, was sentenced today to 60 days of home detention, 36 months of supervised probation, and ordered to pay more than \$25,000 in restitution and a \$100 special assessment for stealing from the U.S. government, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced.

Hampton received his sentence this afternoon in U.S. District Court before the Honorable Richard W. Roberts. According to information presented to the Court by the government, beginning in May 2005, the defendant worked as a Legal Technician for the Treasury Department's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("OCC"), which charters, regulates, and supervises all national banks, and also supervises the federal branches and agencies of foreign banks. As a Legal Technician, the defendant provided assistance to OCC staff attorneys, including processing official travel requests and reimbursements for attorneys and other OCC employees.

Between December 2007 and September 2008, the defendant submitted or caused to be submitted numerous false travel claims using OCC's electronic travel claim reimbursement system. He entered false information into the travel reimbursement system, claiming he was owed reimbursement for official government travel, and directing that reimbursement be deposited electronically into his personal bank account. The defendant had not traveled on official business, nor was he authorized to submit any claims for travel reimbursement, during this period. The defendant's false travel submissions resulted in him receiving more than \$25,000 from the United States to which he was not entitled.

In announcing today's sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended the work of Special Agent Sonja Scott of the Department of the Treasury, Office of Investigator General, Office of Investigations. He also commended the staff of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Legal Assistant Jamasee Lucas, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan Haray, who prosecuted the case.

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